

**Special Instructions for Reports of Charter School Attendance, 2001-02 FY**

Form Nos. J-18/19CH; J-18/19CH/BG; J-18/19CH/BG/U;  
J-27/28CH/BG; and Schedule CH/BA

Charter school attendance is not to be included in any other J-18/19 form.

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**General Information**

For 2001-02, there are two funding models for charter schools. Any school district in which all schools have been converted to charter schools may elect to be funded pursuant to either funding model. Once that election is made, the choice is irrevocable.

Any other charter school assigned a number by the State Board of Education (SBE) *prior* to June 1, 1999, may also choose to have its funding determined pursuant either to the block grant funding model (*Education Code* Section 47633, et seq.), or to its school district revenue limit (*Education Code* Section 42238), but will in nearly all cases be funded pursuant to the block grant funding model in the 2002-03 fiscal year and thereafter. To receive funding as determined by the block grant model, the charter school should have already informed the California Department of Education of that decision.

Any other charter school assigned a number by the SBE *after* June 1, 1999, will have its funding determined pursuant to the new block grant funding model (*Education Code* Section 47633, et seq.) beginning immediately.

The school district that approved the charter school, or denied the charter school which was subsequently approved by the county office of education or the SBE, is deemed to be that charter school's 'sponsoring local educational agency (LEA).'

The county office of education of the agency that approved the charter school is responsible for reviewing and certifying the reported attendance information. After review and signature, the agency that approved the charter is to forward a copy of that information to the charter school's sponsoring LEA, if that LEA is different from the charter-approving agency.

**The county office of education should notify the California Department of Education if it is not going to certify all or a portion of the information. The reasons for non-certification should be indicated in writing and submitted to the School Fiscal Services Division, attention of Janet Sterling.**

### **Charter School Attendance for Which Funding is Determined Pursuant to the School District Revenue Limit Calculation (Form No. J-18/19CH)**

A charter school that was assigned a number by the SBE prior to June 1, 1999 and has not made the election to be funded pursuant to the block grant funding model may be funded in 2001-02 through the revenue limit calculation. Total apportionable attendance must then be reported on Form J-18/19CH. This election applies to a charter school whose sponsoring LEA is an elementary, unified, or high school district.

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### **Charter School Attendance for Which Funding is Determined Pursuant to the Block Grant Funding Model (Form Nos. J-18/19CH/BG and J-18/19/CH/BG/U)**

A charter school may *elect* to be funded pursuant to the block grant funding model if it either was assigned a number by the State Board of Education prior to June 1, 1999, or its sponsoring LEA is a school district in which all schools have been converted to charter schools. A charter school that was assigned a number by the State Board of Education after June 1, 1999, in nearly all cases, must use the block grant funding model.

#### Elementary and High School Districts

A charter school whose sponsoring LEA is an elementary or high school district must report total apportionable attendance on Form J-18/19CH/BG.

#### Unified School District

A charter school whose sponsoring LEA is a unified school district must report total apportionable attendance on Form J-18/19CH/BG/U. On page 1 of that Form, please report the attendance attributable to pupils who reside in the school district. On page 2 of that Form, please report the attendance attributable to pupils who do not reside in the school district.

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### **Charter School Attendance for Which Funding is Determined Pursuant to the Block Grant Funding Model and That is for a County Office Charter School Funded Pursuant to *Education Code* Section 1981(b) (Form No. J-27/28CH/BG)**

The charter school funding model does not apply to a county-sponsored charter school that serves pupils who receive direct education and related services through the county office. However, there is an exception for pupils who attend a county-sponsored charter school solely as a result of parental request pursuant to subdivision (b) of *Education Code* (EC) Section 1981. The attendance of those pupils must be funded pursuant to the block grant.

A county-sponsored charter school that serves pupils pursuant to EC Section 1981 (b) must report total apportionable attendance on Form J-27/28CH/BG. On page 2 of that Form, please report the attendance, county code, district code, and sponsoring district of residence for each pupil. The total attendance on page 2 should reconcile to the total attendance on page 1.

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**Revenue Limit Adjustment to the School District Revenue Limit Calculation When the Sponsoring School District is a Basic Aid School District (Schedule CH/BA)**

When a basic aid school district approves a charter school, it will receive additional state funding for each charter school pupil who is a resident of a different school district, *if* the school district of residence is *not* a basic aid school district.

A charter school whose sponsoring LEA is a basic aid school district must report apportionable attendance on the applicable attendance form. In addition, Schedule CH/BA must be completed and attached to the attendance form. On the schedule, please provide the attendance, county code, district code, and district of residence for each pupil who does not reside in the basic aid school district and whose school district of residence is not a basic aid school district.